

## House Resolution 962

By: Representatives Henson of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 131<sup>st</sup>, Sinkfield of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Ragas of the 64<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Brenda James Griffin; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Brenda James Griffin, a native Atlantan, born and raised in the old fourth ward  
3 community, graduated from David T. Howard High School, attended Atlanta Junior College,  
4 and graduated from Georgia State University; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a respected and beloved advocate for Georgia children who draws from  
6 her experience as a community leader, PTA president, wife, mother, and grandmother to  
7 create a modern parable in her book, *My Shoes Fit Just Fine*, addressing a subject which  
8 concerns parents and educators across the nation--bullying and the importance of character  
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, this generous, working woman and mother continues to give her time and heart  
11 to organizations addressing the concerns of children and the working poor, including  
12 contributing a portion of her book proceeds to start a child care scholarship program for  
13 grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Brenda James Griffin was appointed by Governor Zell Miller as a founding  
15 member of the Georgia Child Care Council and the Georgia Welfare Advisory Board  
16 (TANF) advocating affordable, quality, and accessible child care for all our children; and

17 WHEREAS, she has devotedly served as PTA President at Hambrick Elementary, Stone  
18 Mountain Middle and High School, chairperson of Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, Inc.,  
19 Advisory Council, and on the boards of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women  
20 Decatur/DeKalb Chapter, the Georgia Citizens Coalition on Hunger, the Georgia Society of  
21 Consumer Affairs Professionals, the Better Business Arbitration Board, the Carver Homes  
22 Southside Development Board, Ford Motor Company Consumer Appeals Board, MELD's  
23 Young Teen Moms Program, Sheltering Arms Development and Family Support; and

1 WHEREAS, she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Omega Chapter, the  
2 Association of Black Journalists, and the Atlanta Press Association; and

3 WHEREAS, her dedication and unselfish community service have been recognized with  
4 numerous awards, including Childcare Advocate of the Year, Presidential Commendation  
5 Letter for Community Service, Outstanding Georgia Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Georgia  
6 PTA Membership, Midway Youth Athletic Association Volunteer of the Year and Team  
7 Mother of the Year, Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Service Award,  
8 Volunteer of the Year and Chairman's Award, Georgia Coalition of Black Women SHERO  
9 Award, and Atlanta Women's Network Woman of Significance Award; and

10 WHEREAS, in her professional life she has faithfully served the State of Georgia for 29  
11 years, working her way up from a file clerk to her current position as Assistant  
12 Commissioner of Public Affairs and Communications for the Georgia Department of  
13 Agriculture where she has been recognized as manager of the year by Commissioner Tommy  
14 Irvin and recognized by her peers for her public relations acumen and outstanding writing  
15 skills.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body commend Brenda James Griffin for her many years of commitment  
18 and devotion to improving the quality of life for Georgia's children and the working poor of  
19 our state and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success and  
20 happiness.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Brenda James Griffin.